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H.B. No. 645

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to regulation of production of wells for retail public
3 utilities by a groundwater conservation district.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 36.116(c), Water Code, is amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (c) In regulating the production of groundwater based on
8 tract size or acreage, a district shall [~~may~~] consider the service
9 needs or service area of the [a] retail public utility that serves
10 the territory where production is regulated by the district. For
11 the purposes of this subsection, "retail public utility" has [~~shall~~
12 ~~have~~] the meaning assigned [~~provided~~] by Section 13.002. A
13 district may determine whether it is appropriate to base the
14 production amount on a retail public utility's service needs or
15 service area under this subsection.

16 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.